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Via Federal Express

Mr. Michael Strycker
Hach Company
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Re: Termination of Representation and Transfer of
Lachat Instruments files from Fletcher Yoder

Dear Mr. Strycker:

I enjoyed speaking with you earlier today regarding the above-referenced subject matter. Particularly, we appreciate your willingness to accept responsibility for the files relating to Lachat Instruments in view of the acquisition of Lachat by Hach Company and in view of Mr. Ranger's departure.

In accordance with your instructions, we hereby transfer all files relating to Lachat Instruments to you. The transferred files are set forth in the enclosed list. It appears that the only active file is a pending patent application (LACH:0112), although no actions are currently due for that application.

Pursuant to your instructions, we have removed all Lachat Instruments matters from our docketing system, and we will assume no further responsibility for such files. In regard to LACH:0112, you will note that we have filed documents with the United States Patent and Trademark Office to withdraw as attorneys of record and to redirect all correspondence to you.

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Please review each of the enclosed files relative to the listed files to ensure that all files have been received. If any files are missing, please contact me. Otherwise, please sign the enclosed copy of this letter and return it to me.

Very truly yours,



Michael G. Fletcher

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I acknowledge receipt of and accept responsibility for all Lachat Instruments files listed in this letter.

Date: _____

Mr. Michael Strycker